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1. [redacted] there are about 300 men in the Albanian Navy. Of this number 50 are stationed at Tirana, and the remainder are at the naval base in Durres. The Naval Command of Durres is subject to the orders of the Coast Defense MR Division. The overall tonnage of the Navy reportedly amounts to about 500 tons.
2. The following, according to informants, are the vessels of the Albanian Navy:
 - a. One patrol boat of 30 tons with a speed of 12 to 14 miles per hour. There are two machine guns of German make and it carries a crew of ten. This boat patrols the area south of Saseno Island and the coastline as far as Himare.
 - b. Two mine sweepers of Italian manufacture. They are 70 tons each, with a 10 mile per hour speed, and are constructed of wood. There are two machine guns and a heavier weapon aboard each vessel. Each carries a crew of 12 men, with three agents of the People's Security. These vessels patrol the coastline north of Durres.
 - c. Two Italian tug-boats, converted into patrol vessels. They are 70-ton boats and have a speed of 10 miles per hour. They carry a crew of six men each, with two men of the People's Security. There is a machine gun and a heavier weapon aboard.
 - d. Eight other patrol boats, five of Italian manufacture and three of Soviet make. They are from 15 to 20 tons each and carry a crew of six men each, with two men of the People's Security. Each has a machine gun and another weapon. They are used to patrol various sectors of the Albanian coast.
3. The Albanian Merchant Marine reportedly totals about 2,500 tons. There are no steamships, but dispose of the following vessels:
 - a. There are 12 Italian-made wooden vessels known as "Liountres", two of these vessels are of 60 tons; two are of 30 tons and nine are of 20-ton capacity.

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- b. There are also 20 P. vessels, the majority of which are of the Italian Trampakolo type. There is one vessel of 300 tons, two of 250 tons, three of 100 tons and the remainder range from 50 to 100 tons.
 - c. There are eight fighting boats (with sails). They are of Italian make and are from 50 to 70 tons.
4. Particulars given regarding the three Albanian ports named below, are as follows:
- a. At the port of Vlone there are three cranes which were received from the Soviet Union; there is a warehouse which can store 5,000 tons and three large gas tanks (capacity unknown). Ships over 2,000 tons are not unloaded here. There are six tug-boats of 50 to 80 tons.
 - b. The port of Durres has been enlarged and a breakwater constructed. The port can handle ships up to 6,000 tons. There are four cranes and eight tug-boats ranging from 50 to 80 tons. There is a shipyard here which repairs both navy and merchant ships.
 - c. At Sarande, the harbor is deep enough for large ships. There is little or no traffic, however, despite the fact that there are two tug-boats and one crane.
5. There have been no details concerning the existence of any submarines in any Albanian port.
6. Attached is a chart showing the mined areas in the waters south of Vlone.

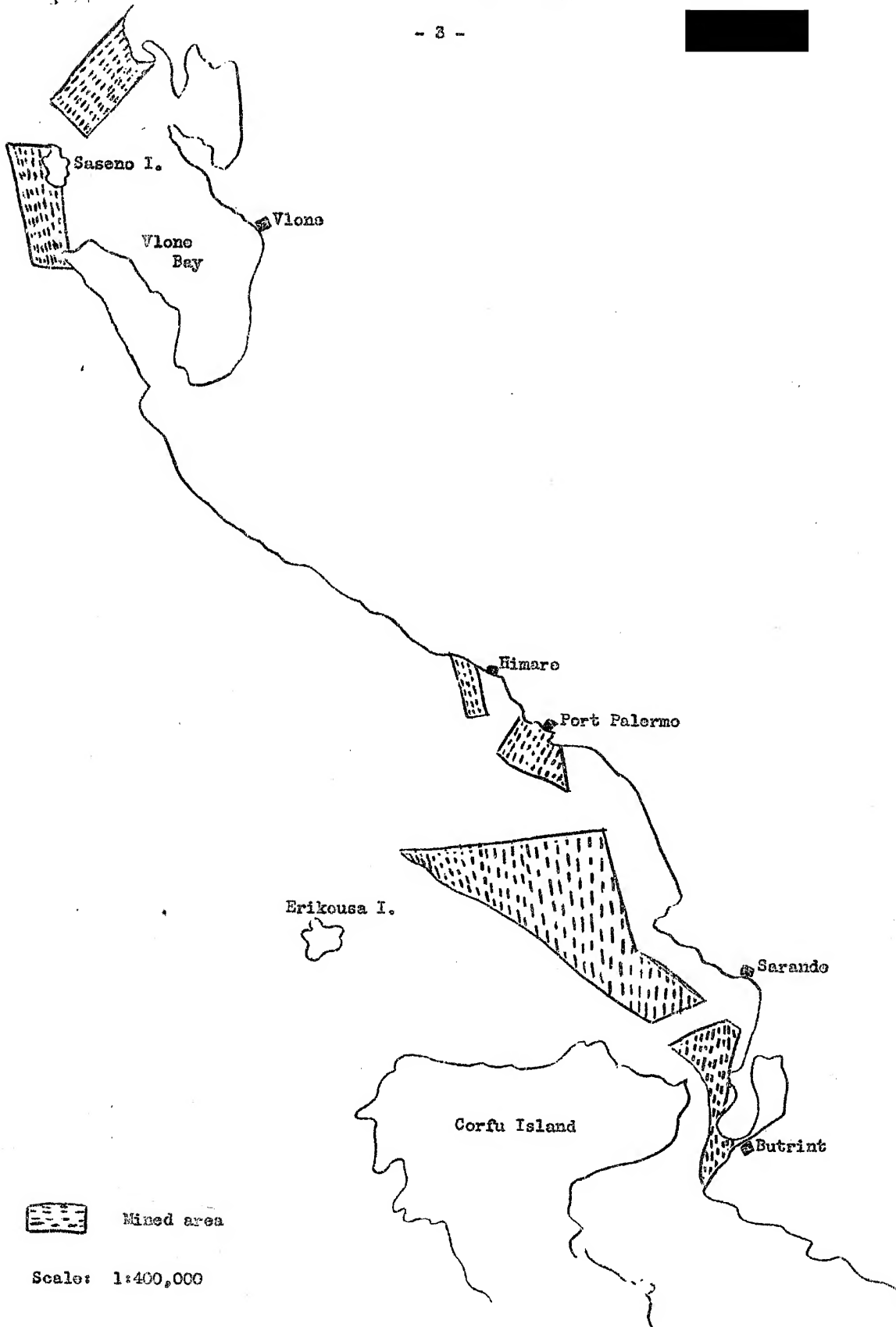
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